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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

JANG, Deok-hwan, et al.

Divisional of

Appln. No.: 09/251,402

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For: A MAGNETIC LATCHING APPARATUS FOR USE IN A HARD DISC DRIVE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-3, 10, 13 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claim:

11. (Amended) A magnetic latching apparatus for use in a hard disk drive as claimed in claim 5, wherein the core to which the permanent magnet is connected is provided with a hinge assembly at an end thereof so as to ensure a connection of the core to the permanent magnet.

Please add the following new claim:

15. (New) A magnetic latching apparatus for use in a hard disk drive as claimed in claim 8, wherein the core to which the permanent magnet is connected is provided with a hinge assembly at an end thereof so as to ensure a connection of the core to the permanent magnet.